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SUBJECT: AUGUST 1 CABLE HIGHLIGHTS.

FOLLOWING ARE CABLE HIGHLIGHTS FOR AUGUST 1, 1977:

1. DEMIREL COALITION PROSPECTS.

WHILE MOST OBSERVERS OF TURKISH POLITICS BELIEVE THE NEW DEMIREL COALITION WILL NOT LAST LONG, EMBASSY ANKARA NOTES THAT THE FORCES WHICH UNITED THE THREE COALITION PARTNERS WILL TEND TO KEEP THEM TOGETHER. MUCH DEPENDS ON DEMIREL'S WILL TO CONTINUE, BUT CURRENT EVIDENCE PROVIDES NO BASIS FOR PREDICTING AN EARLY WALKOUT BY ANY PART OF THE COALITION. (ANKARA 5707, CONFIDENTIAL)

2. DEMIREL GOVERNMENT WINS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.

THE TURKISH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MET TODAY IN PLENARY SESSION AND GAVE THE DEMIREL COALITION GOVERNMENT A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE. SECRET

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DENCE BY A MARGIN OF 229 TO 219. THE ASSEMBLY MEETS TOMORROW, AND THE GOVERNMENT IS EXPECTED TO ATTEMPT TO COMPLETE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ASSEMBLY BY ELECTING A SPEAKER. THE GOVERNMENT WILL THEN REPORTEDLY ATTEMPT TO ADJOURN PARLIAMENT UNTIL NOVEMBER 1. (ANKARA 5740, UNCLASSIFIED)

3. TASS ON NEUTRON BOMB.

A JULY 31 TASS "STATEMENT" ON THE NEUTRON BOMB SUGGESTS IT MAY AFFECT SALT ADVERSELY, BUT THE STATEMENT AVOIDS ANY REFERENCE TO MBFR. THIS MOVE AWAY FROM CRITICISM OF THE CRUISE MISSILE TO THE NEUTRON BOMB MAY BE LINKED TO THE STRONG CRITICISMS WHICH HAVE BEEN VOICED BY SOME IN THE WEST AGAINST THE BOMB. (MOSCOW 11063, LOU)

4. PANAMANIAN PRESS ON ESCOBAR-ROYO PRESS CONFERENCE.

PANAMA IS BUZZING WITH EXPECTATION FOLLOWING THE JULY 29 ESCOBAR-ROYO PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE CANAL NEGOTIATIONS. THE "OFFICIAL PRESS," HOWEVER, HAS AVOIDED SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT, PENDING THE GOVERNMENT'S TAKING A POSITION ON THE ISSUES RAISED. (PANAMA 5467, CONFIDENTIAL) CHRISTOPHER

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